PRESIDENT: That is not the distance. It is the area.

MR. R. KESAVA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): When the square miles increase naturally the mileage also will increase.

Revival of the Magistrate's Court at Adoor.

183. **MR. R. KESAVA PILLAI** (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have received any application from the people of Kunnattur taluk for the restoration of the Magistrate's Court at Adoor; and

(*b*) if so, when that application was received and the action taken upon it?

MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The answer is in the affirmative.

(*b*) A petition from Mr. Philipose Muthalali Alexander Muthalali and others of Adoor praying for the restoration of the Magistrate's Court at Adoor was received on the 10th December 1929. An endorsement was given to the petitioners, on the 20th February 1930, to the effect that both the High Court and the District Magistrate, Quilon, consider that there is no necessity for a Magistrate's Court at Adoor but that the matter will be re-examined at the time of the re-distribution of jurisdiction of courts.

MR. R. KESAVA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): May I know whether there will be a re-examination of the re-distribution of the jurisdiction of courts? May I know whether the Laws Delays' Commissioner has been invested with this power?

MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): No. He has no power to consider magisterial questions. He can consider only questions of civil jurisdiction.

Transfer of Judicial Officers.

184. **MR. K. G. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI** (*Quilon*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether there is any rule that a Magistrate or Judge shall be transferred from one place to another at least after every three years of active service; and

(*b*) whether there is any one of the above classes of officers who has been allowed to remain in the same place for more than three years without any transfer and the special reasons, if any, for such continuous stay?

MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The answer is in the negative.

(*b*) The High Court say that no Judge has been in the same station for more than three years without transfer. Three of the Stationary Magistrates have been in their present stations for more than three years.

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